

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 783  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rebecca Leigh  
Newhouse, 2004 Salutatorian of Hendersonville  
High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Newhouse is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class at Hendersonville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Becca Newhouse has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Newhouse has maintained an exemplary grade point average of more than 4.0; and

WHEREAS, through her academic endeavors, Becca has received numerous accolades, which include being chosen for the *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, National Honor Roll, Physical Science Departmental Award, English 9 Departmental Award, Geometry Departmental Award, English 10 Departmental Award, and the Chemistry 11 Departmental Award; Becca was the Tennessee Mathematics Teacher's Association State Champion in Geometry, and she was nominated as a Girls' State Alternate, for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars, and for the Vanderbilt University Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her myriad academic achievements, Miss Newhouse has been active in many clubs and organizations, including the Academic Team, Beta Club, Concert Band, Geometry Team, Interact, Math Team, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor

Society, school newspaper, which she served as the Copy Editor, Spanish Club, and Student Council as a Representative; and

WHEREAS, her distinction extends beyond the realm of scholarship as Becca is an active and important part of her community and church; she participates in youth plays, the Youth Choir, the Appalachian Service Project, the Steering Committee which raised money for church renovations, and the Search Committee, dedicated to finding a new Choir Director; and

WHEREAS, Miss Newhouse has established herself as a public-spirited citizen through her civic involvement, which includes work with the Adopt-a-thon for the Hendersonville Humane Society; assistance with the Post Office canned food drive and Nashville Rescue's Room in the Inn; and service as a member of the Sumner County Teen Court; and

WHEREAS, an astute and respected leader, Becca has served as the Captain of the Relay for Life Team, as District President of Methodist Youth Ministry, and as Vice President of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, an avid swimmer, Becca has been a member of the Bluegrass Country Club Summer Swim Team and the Hendersonville High School Swim Team; she has also lent her talents and abilities to the YMCA of Middle Tennessee as a Lifeguard and Swim Lesson Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Miss Newhouse's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Becca's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Tom and Cindi Newhouse, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Becca Newhouse's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Hendersonville High School Salutatorian, Rebecca Leigh Newhouse, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

